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Mayor

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary Federal Communications Commission
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Santa Barbara, CA
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RE: Accelerating Wireline Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment, WC Docket No. 17-84; Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment, WT Docket No. 17-79

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Dear Ms. Dortch:

The purpose of this letter is to express the City's concerns regarding the above-referenced Declaratory Ruling and Third Report and Order, which we believe will limit the ability of local governments to regulate the use of, and effectively manage the public rights-of-way, and to receive fair compensation for its use.

The City opposes the proposals on two points. First, the proposals effectively give access to public property to for-profit companies to install their equipment and to sell their private services, while limiting the ability of jurisdictions to recover their costs through the collection of rents and fees for the use of the public right-of-way.

Second, the proposed "shot clocks" would unfairly and unreasonably reduce the time needed for proper application review in regard to safety, aesthetics, and other considerations. By cutting short the necessary review period, the proposals effectively shift oversight authority from the community and our elected officials to for-profit corporations for wireless equipment installations that can have significant health, safety, and aesthetic impacts when those companies have little, if any, interest to respect these concerns that potentially conflict with their profit margins.

For these reasons, the City of Santa Barbara respectfully requests that you oppose this Declaratory Ruling and Third Report and Order and its attempt to undermine local authority.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Cathy", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Cathy Murillo
Mayor

cc: Senator Dianne Feinstein
Senator Kamala Harris
Congressman Salud Carbajal



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